

# Proposed Rules

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### 7 CFR Part 1735

RIN 0572-AB49

#### General Policies, Types of Loans, Loan Requirements—Telecommunications Program

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.  
**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is proposing a minor amendment to its regulations that will clarify that loan applicants organized as limited liability companies may be eligible to receive financial assistance. This proposed rule is part of an ongoing RUS project to modernize agency policies in order to provide borrowers with the flexibility they need to continue providing reliable telephone service at reasonable costs in rural areas, while maintaining the integrity of Government loans. This action also conforms more closely to private lending practice.

In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, RUS is publishing this action as a direct final rule without prior proposal because RUS views this as a noncontroversial action and anticipates no adverse comments. If no adverse comments are received in response to the direct final rule, no further action will be taken on this proposed rule and the action will become effective at the time specified in the direct final rule. If RUS receives adverse comments, a document will be published withdrawing the direct final rule and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed action. Any parties interested in commenting on this proposed action should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposed action must be received on or before October 18, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant

Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4056, STOP 1590, Washington, DC 20250-1590. RUS requires a signed original and three copies of all comments (7 CFR part 1700). Comments will be available for public inspection at room 4056, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (7 CFR part 1.27(b)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonathan P. Claffey, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4056, STOP 1590, Washington, DC 20250-1590. Telephone: (202) 720-9556.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** provided in the direct final rule located in the final rules section of this **Federal Register** for the applicable supplementary information on this action.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, 1921 *et seq.*; Pub. L. 103-354, 108 Stat. 3178 (7 U.S.C. 6941 *et seq.*).

Dated: September 10, 1999.

**Inga Smulkstys,**

*Acting Under Secretary, Rural Development.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 62

[DE037-1015b; FRL-6439-1]

#### Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Delaware; Control of Emissions From Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA proposes to approve the municipal solid waste landfill 111(d) plan submitted by the State of Delaware, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Division of Air and Waste Management, for the purpose of controlling landfill gas emissions from existing municipal solid waste (MSW) landfills. In the final rules

section of the **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the plan. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. If EPA receives relevant adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing by October 18, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to Walter Wilkie, Acting Chief, Technical Assessment Branch, Mailcode 3AP22, Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James B. Topsale at (215) 814-2190, or by e-mail at topsale.jim@epamail.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** See the information provided in the direct final rule which is located in the rules section of the **Federal Register**.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401-7642.

Dated: September 2, 1999.

**W. Michael McCabe,**

*Regional Administrator, EPA Region III.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 300

[FRL-6438-8]

#### National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Proposal to delete the Dutchtown Oil Treatment Superfund Site from the National Priorities List.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to delete the Dutchtown Oil Treatment Superfund Site (Site), located in Ascension Parish, Louisiana, from the National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL is Appendix B of 40 CFR part 300 which